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MEMORANDUM FOR All Fort Detrick Personnel

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum FD 30-01 (Motorcycle Safety Program)

1. The prevention of motorcycle accidents is a high priority of the Army and this Installation. Accident data shows that the number and severity of motorcycle accidents can be reduced if motorcycle riders are adequately trained in accident avoidance and wear proper protective clothing and equipment. Therefore, the following rules will be adhered to:

a. To ride a motorcycle on Fort Detrick, an operator must:

(1) Comply with vehicle registration requirements outlined in AR 190-5 and Fort Detrick Regulation 190-5.

(2) Be currently licensed by a competent civil authority to drive a motorcycle on public roadways.

(3) Satisfactorily complete an Army approved Motorcycle Safety Course, equivalent to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) "Experienced Riders Course," approved by the Installation Safety Office.

(4) Maintain the motorcycle in a safe mechanical condition.

(5) Maintain minimum personal liability insurance as prescribed by the Laws of the state of Maryland.

(6) Have rear-view mirrors installed on each side of the motorcycle.

(7) The motorcycle headlights must be on at all times.

b. The following protective clothing and equipment are required:

(1) A properly fastened, Department of Transportation (DOT) approved motorcycle helmet.

(2) Full-fingered gloves.

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(3) Long trousers.

(4) Long-sleeved shirt or jacket (sleeves must be down).

(5) Sturdy boots or shoes (over the ankle).

(6) A face shield or goggles meeting American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z 87.1.

(7) Operators of motorcycles who are required to wear prescription glasses will meet the requirements of this policy if they comply with either of the following:

(a) The provisions of 1.b.(6), or

(b) The glasses worn are an impact resistant safety type and the motorcycle is equipped with full fairing or a windshield measuring a minimum of 24" high measured from the steering head to its highest point and 18" wide at its narrowest width.

2. To ride a motorcycle off Fort Detrick, all soldiers on or off duty and Fort Detrick civilian employees on official business must comply with the provisions of AR 190-5, Fort Detrick Regulation 190-5, and the Motor Vehicle Laws of the state of Maryland.

3. Employees will be offered the Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Course twice (at no expense). The names of those who did not participate will be forwarded to the Provost Marshal Office for suspension of their on-post motorcycle driving privilege.

4. Commanders/supervisors of personnel required to register their motorcycle(s) on this installation must play an active role in ensuring that the provisions of the Army Motorcycle Safety Program (AMSP) are followed. These include:

a. Assuring newly assigned or new owners of motorcycles are aware of AMSP requirements, are properly trained and licensed, maintain minimum vehicle liability insurance, and register their motorcycle(s) in a timely manner.

b. Taking effective disciplinary sanctions against individuals who willingly fail to comply with AMSP requirements.

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5. I am confident that the combined efforts of all will result in a safer and more enjoyable motorcycle-riding environment.

6. This memorandum supersedes Fort Detrick Policy Memorandum FD 30-98, MCHD-OSE, 25 June 1998, subject: Motorcycle Safety Program Policy, signed by the previous commander.

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